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Previous References

Mr 56-29 54, 56, 78+90

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Later References

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Serial Nos 2

Part B for December 1931

SUBJECT

Petition from Mr H R W Grey BA LLB, Bombay protesting against the acquisition of a portion of his bungalow in V Road Chamarajpet Bangalore city for joining the V Cross Road with VI Main Road

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2(99) Mr H R W Grey BA LLB

Bombay

No L 4612 of 23-12-31

States that Govt cannot interfere in the matter

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86	From Mr H R W Giry B A, LL B, No 7 Sarang Nivas Santa Cruz Bombay Forwards Copy of her letter dated the 16th Nov 1931 addressed to the Municipal Commissioner Bandra Bil- Municipality protesting against the acquisition of a portion of his Bungalow in Chamaraspet for joining V cross Road with 6th Main Road, Chamarajpet VII Dn Bandra Bil-

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1) The facts of the case are briefly noted below. —

2) The Bandra Bil- Improvement Committee resolved on 17-7 29 that the road from North to South may be opened to join 5th Road with 6th Road of Chamarajpet & the preliminary notifications were sent for publication in the Gazette with this Office Letter No L1925/ML56-29-90 & 3 9 30 as requested in the Bandra District Dy Commr's letter No C5-3674/29-30 & 22-2 30 and as resolved by the Bandra Bil- M-C in their meeting of the 14th Sept 1929

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Subsequently, in his letter no 3-70 105 dt the 16/23-10 1930, the Mel-Commr stated that no objections were received from any of the interested parties & solicited sanction to the acquisition. The acquisition was accordingly sanctioned in G.O No L4277-81-Mel 56-29-92 dt 17-11 30 and the Declation statements pertaining to the acquisition were forwarded to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication in the Gazette with Notification no. L4282-Mel 56-29-93 dt 17-11-30

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One of the total Compensation of the several properties required for the purpose viz Rs 1834-2-0, a sum of Rs 1193-10-0 is due to Mr C R Venkatagirayah the eldest son of Mr. H Ramaiya — on the present letter he has signed as H R W-Giry

The petitioner wants that the acquisition should be

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withdrawn. Subo for order
Gbb 12.12.31
b) Gen Secy, 12/

7) I am afraid Govt can do nothing in the matter. Petr. has to go to the Municipal authority
RB 16/12/31

1879 II Reminder

9) 18/12/31
RB 18/12

1) Ref

11) Draft subo
Gbb 21.12.31

10) Issue
21.12.31

99 To M. R. W. Guiz B.A., LL.B.
No. 7 Sarang Niwas.
Santa Cruz, Bombay
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Sanang Niwas,
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Sir,

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the letter I Sent to the Commissioner, Bangalore City Municipality, by Registered Post on the 16th ultimo. I may request you to kindly go thro' it, call for the papers, & do justice? I believe you knew my father very well, & I am sure we are perfectly safe in your hands

With profound respects to you,

Yours obediently,

E. Gray

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H R V Giry, B A ,LL B ,
7, Sarang Nivas,
Santa Cruz, Bombay
November 16 1931.

To

The Commissioner,
Bangalore City Municipality

Subject:- Proposed acquisition of land in the compound of the deceased H Ramaiya's bungalow 'Ramamandira', 5th Main Road, Chamrajpete

Dear Sir,

I understand that after a long period of shilly-shallying the Municipality has at length decided to take the land mentioned above for laying down a road, and in this connexion I have to place some important facts for your consideration

Between the years 1908 and 1922, three or four times the same proposal as the one in question was put forward by certain Municipal Councillors My father, who was also a Municipal Councillor, would never utter any vehement protest- would never make capital out of his influence both with the Municipality and the Government by claiming unreasonably heavy compensation- but would quietly ask the Municipal authorities to inspect the spot and then decide whether the Scheme was practicable and just No sooner in a few days the authorities entered our bungalow for spot-inspection and swept their eyes around, than the salient features which I shall set forth would very soon burst upon their view and with one voice they would say "No- No- Mr Ramaiya, we should be a horde of barbarians to give effect to such a proposal- surely be met with justice, equity,

sense, by some other means" On one side of the proposed road (garage side) were a dozen apple, four orange, four loquat shrubs, four or five raspberry creepers, and half a dozen jasmines trained over a big trellis-work, - all these protected by a neatly kept hedge of hennas, and under the stately country almond tree were three or four broad comfort -able stone seats On the other side (main building side) was a beautiful kitchen garden surrounded by profusely flowering oleanders and large fruiting papayas It is time that there are now almost no traces of all this exquisite gardening work, one o the reasons being that we brothers have been rendered exiles for bread, for which we deserve to be pitied, pitied immensely on account of the peculiar circumstances of our cases But we do hope that times might change - some one of us might settle down comfortably in the paternal mansion - and the old order of things might be revived

Now I shall briefly dwell upon some other striking features

1 The point to be always kept in mind is that 'Ramara dira' consists of one and only one bungalow It is true that some portions are generally treated as outhouses and let, and that the house at present occupied by our cousins Advocates Srinivas Rao and Sheshadri has, on our own initiative, been allotted a separate municipal number But all these arrangements, I should emphatically assure you, have been necessitated only through financial stringency and are entirely temporary By laying down the proposed road the integrity of the bungalow will be destroyed as the

garage with some four rooms attached to it will be completely severed from the main building

2 A corollary of the above result is that the safety of the garage and of the near relatives residing in the rooms attached to the garage, will to a great extent be endangered At present, the garage requires no special watch - the summons of relatives for mutual help are easily answered - but all these facilities disappear under the proposed Scheme

3. The bungalow has at present a species of pro-portionate compound, proportionate with the size of the bungalow If the contemplated road comes into being, the compound will dwindle to a very great extent - the beauty of the building will be completely destroyed - it would be as seemly as a two and half foot man with a fully developed head

4. The privacy that we right through the eastern side of the bungalow and the residents in the rooms near the garage on the western side, enjoy at present, will be very much lessened even in spite of raising high walls on both the sides of the proposed road.

5. Under the proposed Scheme one portion of the compound will become so small and irregular a strip of land that it will be of no value whatever to us. It will even prove a nuisance to us on account of isolation.

6. It is obvious from all the above points that the depreciation in the market value of the building will be enormous.

7. The tendency of modern Municipalities is

[illegible] the owners of buildings to

flowering shrubs and trees by allotting, if need be, contiguous lands freely or at a nominal rent, than to destroy an existing garden.

Regarding the merits of the proposed road, please permit me to offer a word of comment One would naturally expect it to be of a piece with the 5th Cross Road, viz., the one from the Mysore Road to the Shed where the Electric Pump for water supply is installed Mark the width of this road and the broad margins on both the sides The proposed road will not probably be half as wide as this; again it will not be straight at all, it will not be open, or bordered with neat houses, on both sides Thus it will not be a road in continuation of the 5th Cross Road but it will be a species of zig-zag alley in comparison with the Cross Road in question

Regarding the expenditure we shall be necessitated to incur if the road is laid in our compound, for building two high walls on both the sides of the road, for constructing a bath-room and privy for the use of our relatives near the garage, for shifting the existing gate to some suitable position, etc , a reference is invited to my brother's letter sent to you by registered post on 10th November 1931

As regards the amount of compensation claimed, I am much surprised that owing to tender years and inexperience my brother has not fully appreciated the pecuniary loss to which we shall be put and the considerable amount of inconvenience we shall have to experience I shall content myself with merely quoting for your information the words

Officer of State who inspected the spot and

"~~Had I been~~ Were I the owner of this building, I should never consent to this proposal for a pie less than Rs 15,000/- -- that's the reasonable amount of compensation - the Municipality cannot afford such an amount at present - so the proposal goes phut "

And now it only remains for me to record my fervent hope that you will kindly consider this question from all points of view, utility, public need, aesthetics : that you will be pleased to show the same sympathy as your predecessors did that you will exhibit some regard to the memory of a gentleman, who served the State faithfully and with some distinction for 37 years, and who after his retirement served your very Municipality with zeal for 13 years, by allowing his sons to enjoy the paternal mansion intact and undisturbed that your voice and pen will predominate and that the malignancy of a man who, rumour says, has been straining every nerve, in the face of the reluctance of the Government and lukewarmness of the Municipality in the affair, to cause us pecuniary loss and much mental discomfort by having the road in our compound, will not triumph

Yours truly,

(Sd) Alex Ramy

Eldest son of the deceased
H. Ramaiya

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Diary No of letter replied to [illegible]

No [illegible]

To, M R [illegible] B A, Adv,
No 7, Sarangi Naicker
Street Chetpet
Bangalore

Subject

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd [illegible] 1931, forwarding a copy of his letter addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, Bangalore, requesting the Government to [illegible] the name of [illegible] Street [illegible] Improvement in 5th Road Chamarajpet, Bangalore City, for joining the 5th Cross Road with the 1st Main Road, No 4 Division, Adv, to enable that Street Committee to lay

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Signed by [illegible]

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By order

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For Gen. Secy to Govt

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Sub Sec
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